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(iii) Rs. 0·10 lakh for village communications; and
(iv) a fresh allotment of Rs. 0·30 lakh for rural broadcasting schemes.

Proposals relating to these items are under the consideration of Government.

Mr. G. RAMESWARA RAO:—"In the Government Order published at page 34, viz., G.O. No. 1770, I find that the Bellary district has been included in item 5. I just want to know why Cuddapah which is proverbially malarial has been excepted from these operations?"

The Hon. Mr. G. T. H. BRACKEN:—"The amount of money available is limited and so it is not possible to take up every district at once."

Mr. V. T. ARASU:—"From the statement appended to this question it is stated that there is a great disparity in the amount of grants given to various district boards, 5 or 6 lakhs in certain cases, because they have submitted estimates for construction of bridges and nothing in the case of others. May I know from the Hon. the Chief Minister whether the district boards which are not in a position to submit estimates for construction of bridges will receive grants for the improvement of roads other than first and second class roads?"

The Hon. the RAJA OF BOBBILI:—"The point is no funds are available for distribution to district boards for roads other than first and second class roads. As regards bridges, every year Government call for information from the district boards as to the number of detailed estimates ready and take them into consideration and money is allotted. If those district boards which have not got any money come forward with plans and estimates certainly their claims will be included in the programme for next year. But as there are no separate funds available for distribution for being spent on roads other than first and second class roads, I am not in a position to give any hope."

Mr. V. T. ARASU:—"Is it suggested that the grants given by the Government of India cannot be spent by this Government for improvement of roads other than first and second class roads?"

The Hon the RAJA OF BOBBILI:—"They have not made any such suggestion."

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Alleged insufficiency of time for the preparation of voters' lists relating to elections to district boards.

* 456 *Q.*—Mr. P. V. KRISHNAYYA CHOUDARI: Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) which are the district boards for which elections have to take place in the course of this year; and

(*b*) whether it is a fact that sufficient time is not allowed for the preparation of the voters' lists as prescribed in the rules?

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A.—(*a*) West Godavari, Guntur, Ongole, Kurnool, Chittoor, Cuddapah, Bellary, Anantapur, North Arcot, South Arcot, Trichinopoly, Tinnevelly and South Kanara.

(*b*) No.

Mr. P. V. KRISHNAYYA CHOUDARI :—" May I know about the conduct of elections for other district boards which are left out in the list? "

The Hon. the RAJA OF BOBBILI :—" It is stated that the elections will be completed this year according to the list."

Mr. V. T. ARASU :—" What about the elections in North and South Arcot districts? "

The Hon. the RAJA OF BOBBILI :—" Elections will be completed this year."

Mr. V. T. ARASU :—" Have notifications been issued in respect of districts for which elections have not been conducted? "

The Hon. the RAJA OF BOBBILI :—" If the hon. Member would mention particular instances, I can give the information."

Mr. V. T. ARASU :—" Have notifications been issued in respect of North Arcot and South Arcot? "

The Hon. the RAJA OF BOBBILI :—" As regards North Arcot the question of bifurcation is under consideration and so no notification has been issued. As regards South Arcot it will be issued in a day or two if it has not already issued."

Mr. V. T. ARASU :—" May I know, Sir, when the order regarding the bifurcation of North Arcot will be issued? "

The Hon. the RAJA OF BOBBILI :—" I already said the matter is under consideration."

Nominations to the bifurcated District Boards of Guntur and Ganjam districts.

* 457 *Q.*—Mr. K. A. NACHIYAPPA GOUNDER : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there are any proposals for making nominations for the newly bifurcated District Boards of Guntur and Ganjam; and

(*b*) if so, what they are and what the communities are which are proposed to be nominated on the bifurcated boards in both the districts?

A.—The Government have not considered the proposal of nominating members to the new Ongole District Board and to the new district boards to be formed on the bifurcation of the Ganjam District Board. The names of the persons nominated to the new Guntur District Board have been published in the *Fort St. George Gazette*, dated 22nd October 1935. The communities represented by them are Muslims, Indian Christians and Adi-Dravidas.